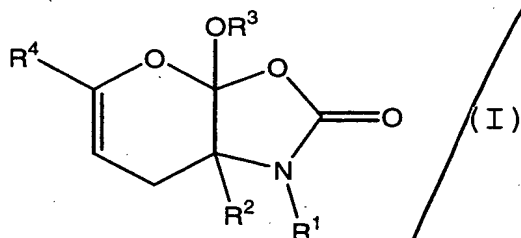


Claims:

1. A 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one represented by the formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group; R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group; R<sup>3</sup> represents an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group, provided that a 2-alkenyl group is excluded from the alkenyl group of R<sup>3</sup>; and R<sup>4</sup> represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group or a cyano group.

2. The 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one according to Claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents an alkyl group, a phenyl group or an aralkyl group, R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, R<sup>4</sup> represents an alkyl group or an aryl group.

3. The 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one according to Claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a benzyl group, a 1-phenylethyl group, a diphenylmethyl group, a phenyl group, a (1-naphthyl)methyl group or a 1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl group, R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, an ethyl

group, a n-propyl group or an isopropyl group, R<sup>3</sup> represents a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, a tert-butyl group, a phenyl group, a cyclohexyl group, a menthyl group or an 8-phenylmenthyl group, R<sup>4</sup> represents a methyl group, an ethyl group, a n-propyl group, an isopropyl group, an n-butyl group, an isobutyl group, a tert-butyl group or a phenyl group.

4. The 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one according to Claim 1, wherein the 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one represented by the formula (I) is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of:
- 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-((1)-menthyloxy)-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-3a-methyl-7a-methoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-ethyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-isopropyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-tert-butyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-methoxycarbonyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-isopropoxycarbonyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-ethoxycarbonyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-cyano-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
  - 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-methoxy-6-phenyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;

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- 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-ethyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-  
2(3H)-one;
- 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-isopropyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 5 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-tert-butyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-isobutyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-methoxycarbonyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-  
10 d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-diphenylmethyl-7a-ethoxy-6-phenyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-(1-phenylethyl)-7a-methoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 15 3-(1-phenylethyl)-7a-isopropoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-(1-phenylethyl)-7a-((1)-menthyloxy)-6-methyl-4H-pyrano-  
[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-(1-phenylethyl)-7a-methoxy-6-ethyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
20 oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-(1-phenylethyl)-7a-methoxy-6-(n-butyl)-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-benzyl-7a-methoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-  
one;
- 25 3-benzyl-7a-isopropoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-  
2(3H)-one;
- 3-benzyl-7a-((1)-menthyloxy)-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;
- 3-benzyl-7a-methoxy-6-tert-butyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-  
30 2(3H)-one;
- 3-benzyl-7a-methoxy-6-ethyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-  
one;
- 3-benzyl-7a-methoxy-6-isopropyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-  
2(3H)-one;
- 35 3-benzyl-7a-methoxy-6-methoxycarbonyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-  
oxazol-2(3H)-one;

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3-benzyl-7a-methoxy-6-phenyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;

3-(1-naphthyl)methyl-7a-isopropoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;

5 3-(1-naphthyl)methyl-7a-methoxy-6-ethyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;

3-(1-naphthyl)methyl-7a-methoxy-6-tert-butyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;

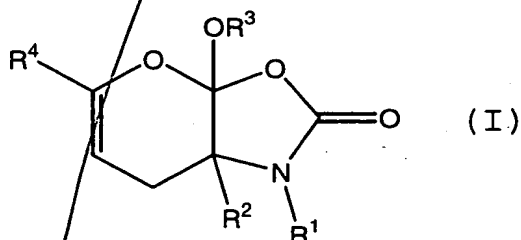
10 3-(1-naphthyl)methyl-7a-methoxy-6-isopropyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one;

3-(1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl)-7a-methoxy-6-methyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one; and

3-(1-(1-naphthyl)ethyl)-7a-methoxy-6-tert-butyl-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one.

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5. A process for producing a 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one represented by the formula (I):

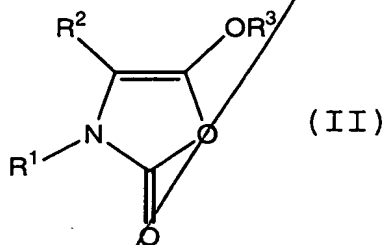


wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group; R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group; R<sup>3</sup> represents an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or an aralkyl group, provided that a 2-alkenyl group is excluded from the alkenyl group of R<sup>3</sup>; and R<sup>4</sup> represents an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group or a cyano group,

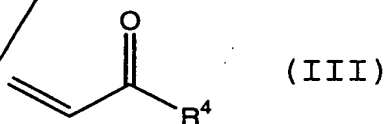
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which comprises reacting a 5-alkoxy-2(3H)-oxazolone represented by the formula (II):



wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are the same as defined above, with an  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone represented by the formula (III):



wherein  $R^4$  is the same as defined above, in an organic solvent in the presence of a Lewis acid.

6. The process for producing a 7a-alkoxy-4H-pyrano[3,2-d]-oxazol-2(3H)-one according to Claim 5, wherein the Lewis acid is represented by the formula (IV):



wherein  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  each independently represent an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms and Tf represents a trifluoromethanesulfonyl group.